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Regional Transportation Planners Look for a Green Light from Legislators

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The Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) is asking New Mexico legislators for the authority to develop regional transportation districts.

MRCOG's four-county area is in the heart of Central New Mexico – and accounts for nearly half of the state's total population. Current state law does not support long-term cooperation between local governments on public transit projects.

“A Regional Transportation District’s designation would allow county leaders to work together in providing the most efficient and accommodating transit service to metropolitan areas around the state” says MRCOG Executive Director Lawrence Rael.

Additionally, MRCOG is encouraging legislators to adopt a state transportation policy that requires all projects on the interstate to include funds for implementation of the **Interstate Corridor Enhancement Plan**.

To ensure that crucial input from local governments is not overlooked, MRCOG is urging lawmakers to enact legislation that directs the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department to work with the state Metropolitan Planning Organizations regarding the best use and appropriation of state transportation funds.

“It’s about communication. If regional leaders and state planners cooperate, New Mexicans are sure to get the most bang for their buck when it comes to their transportation dollars” adds MRCOG Executive Director Lawrence Rael.

Major Regional Transportation Projects In the Albuquerque Metro Planning Area

-Isleta Blvd./Phase II:

Alleviates congestion & drainage problems, and provides bicycle & pedestrian facilities

-Coors Road/I-40 Interchange:

Reconstruct interchange to address congestion & safety issues

-West Central/I-40 Interchange:

Reconstruct interchange to address safety issues

-Double Eagle II Access Road Widening:

Expand road to 4-lanes to accommodate more traffic from Eclipse Aviation facilities

-Gibson Extension:

Construct 6-lane road between Louisiana Juan Tabo with bike lanes, trails, landscaping

-University Extension:

Construct 4-lane road between I-25/Rio Bravo/University Interchange & Mesa del Sol

-Tramway/I-25 Interchange:

Reconstruct interchange to address congestion issues

-Fourth Street/Phase II:

Reconstruct roadway to address congestion and to accommodate bicyclists/pedestrians. Improve drainage, and address school safety issues